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SIR,

I Cannot refrain writing to you, to give you to understand the Wonderful and Miraculous Judgment of the Almighty and Angry God, whose hand of late hath been very heavy upon our *Netherlands*, and especially against that Flourishing and Renowned City (though now a City in heaps) *UTRECHT*; the Wounds yet being fresh which we received by the Conquests of the *French*, by whom we were brought low and impoverished. We had hopes to have had some time of refreshing; but we have received the contrary: For the Great GOD is yet pouring out his Vials of Wrath upon us.

Last night, at almost Eight of the Clock, there arose such a dreadful Storm of Wind, mixed with

Thunder and Lightning, and Hail and Rain, that it was as though all things would have been turned upside-down. The Earth seemed to move as with an Earthquake, which had this dreadful effect which followeth:

The Houses which are prejudiced by this Storm, are a multitude, and few great Houses have been free; so that we can hardly pass through the streets for the ruins which lye in the way: Yea, that old, and rich, and much renowned Building through the whole world, called the *Dome* Church, which hath stood so many Ages, is fallen in more than the half; those rich Pillars, with seven Church-Candlesticks, as far as to the Cannons-Stool, is all fallen down; and the two Pillars by the Pulpit, with the States Stools, are all made useless; but the Steeple remains yet standing. The Spire of *Jacobs* Church is broken down to the Dial, and the rich Chymes are fallen into the Church, and broke to pieces, and the glass windows are all broken; and a wonder it is that the fall thereof hath done no harm to any house; for it fell upon one side between the Houses and the Church. There is almost half of the Roof the *Buer* Church fallen in, and the Steeple of the *Niclos*-Church is fallen in, and the Steeple of *Agniete*-Church is fallen in, and the *Magdalin*-Church, and the *Dutch*-house, and the Steeples are all fallen in; the St. *Peters*-Church had both the Steeples blown down, and the Church by the fall thereof is made useless. The House of the *Heer Haor* hath the half of the side fallen in, by the fall of which an Old Woman was killed. A Ship with Turf lying in the Graft,

is broken to ſhivers, ſo that the Turf ſwom in the water; and without one of the Groots there was another Turf-Ship turned upſide-down. And of Nine Mills which ſtood upon the Walls of the City, there is but three remains. The Mill in the *Gans-Steeg* is blown down; beſides two Saw-Mills out of the *Tote-ſteeg* Port. There is a Mill on the other ſide of the *Rhine* hath loſt one of its Wings. There is another Mill out of the *Weert*-Port which is blown down; beſides another Mill on the *Bilt*, it is ſaid, ſome People were carried away in the Air by this Storm. As alſo of ſeveral Waggons ladden, which are thrown into the *Rhine*. There is alſo one Woman found dead under a Mill, and a Man; without one of the Gates there is the Roof, with the ſide of another Houſe fallen in, beſides the Houſes that ſtood by.

In the Neighbouring Villages the moſt of the Steeples are blown down. Behind the *Belt* there is hardly a Houſe that remained: The Hook-wheat that is yet in the Field, is ſo ruined, as though it had been cut down; ſo that it is lamentable to behold. The loſs is very great. It is ſtrange alſo, that a great many Trees are blown up by the roots; the Hoſpital without the *Weert-Port* is alſo fallen in, and an old man killed therewith.

Whether God will proceed further to our deſtruction, we know not; but theſe are ſhakings of our Stone-Churches: God preſerve us from further evil, and give us his Spirit, that we may learn Righteouſneſs by his Judgments.

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This Account we have also from Amsterdam, *by a Letter bearing date* Aug. 3. *New Stile.*

THat on Wednesday-night about Eight a Clock at night, there was so Terrible a Storm of Thunder and Lightning, with Wind, Rain, and Hail; which continued not above half an hour; but it was so violent that it hath done much harm to the Sides and Tops of Houses; Ships that were fasthed very strongly, made all loose, and some of them turned upside down; there is Nine cast away. The Trees that are in this City that are pluckt up by the Roots, are without number; some of them were carried a great way from the place where they stood. There is Thirty Mills that stood without the City, which are all blown down, and the rest much prejudiced. There are some persons drowned by the overturning of Ships, and many killed by the falling of Houses; but we know not the number as yet, and the particulars are too many here to relate.

Here is advice, That this Storm began at *Bruxels*; it hath done much harm at *Gurnechin*; and at *Tergoe* it hath beaten the glass Windows into the

the Church: Two Steeples at *Cortingberg* are thrown down, and many Steeples on this ſide *Renien*; and ſo it came into *North-Holland*, where many Houſes are deſtroyed, as at *Oſſana*; and at *Purment* is a Steeple blown down. There is much harm done in the *Hempſter*, and at *Purmore*, and at *Horn*, *Ancuſſen*; and not only there, but there comes News from the *Texel*, That Seventeen Sail of Ships are driven on dry ground; and alſo Sixteen or Seventeen of the ſmalleſt Ships that came from the Eaſt, are driven into the *Selick*. The *Blew Unicorn* bound for *Cadiz*, loſt her Mainmaſt; The *Blew Cat*, the *Key*, the *City Cadiz*, and the *Nicholai*, bound for St. *Hubert*, are all miſſing.

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